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SUBJECT: SADDAM HUSSEIN ON IRAQ'S FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL FRONT

1. SUMMARY: RCC VICE-CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN ADDRESSED PLENARY SESSION OF COMMITTEES OF NATIONAL FRONT ON JUNE 7 (ASSUME TEXT CARRIED FBIS). SADDAM'S SPEECH REVEALS HIS PERCEPTION OF IRAQ'S FUTURE ROLE AND GIVES US SOME INDICATION OF INTERNAL POLITICAL OPPOSITION WITH WHICH HE MUST CONTEND. ICP AND "SOCIALIST" COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE PROFESSED SATISFACTION WITH SPEECH BUT THEY MAY BE GRASPING AT STRAWS. END SUMMARY .

2. KEYNOTE OF SPEECH WAS VISION OF "INDEPENDENT, LIBERATED AND SOCIALIST IRAQ." SADDAM STRESSED INTERDEPENDENCE OF WORLD AND IRAQ'S INTENTION TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN ARAB WORLD, ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT, AND NON-ALIGNED BLOC. HE REFERRED TO IMPERIALISM'S RECENT DEFEATS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, PORTUGAL, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND IRAQ'S VICTORY OVER KURDISH "POCKET OF RENEGADES". HE

SAID IMPERIALISM WILL ATTEMPT TO STRIKE BACK AND MIDDLE EAST IS PRIME CANDIDATE BECAUSE OF OIL AND ZIONIST "STOOGES". WHILE SOUTHEAST ASIA WAS ONLY A BODY BLOW, MIDDLE EAST IS BACKBONE OF IMPERIALISM AS EUROPE IS ITS HEART. FLEXIBILITY OF IMPERIALISM IN MIDDLE EAST WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER PEOPLE OF THE AREA REMAIN UNITED AND DETERMINED TO RESIST. IF THEY DO NOT, IMPERIALISM WILL BE INFLEXIBLY TOUGH. IMPERIALISM IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO INFILTRATE THE AREA ON A WIDE AND CONCENTRATED SCALE BY INTER ALIA SPLITTING THE PROGRESSIVE AND PATRIOTIC FORCES AND INFILTRATING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS.

3. ON BASIS OF THIS ANALYSIS, SADDAM SAID, NATIONAL FRONT MUST MAKE GREATER QUALITATIVE EFFORT TO RESIST. IRAQ MUST REJECT ISOLATION TO BE PART OF MODERN WORLD AND IT IS THEREFORE FLEXIBLE IN ITS INTERNATIONAL POLICIES, BUT EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT MUST BE MADE BY ALL MEMBERS OF FRONT TO MAKE IRAQ'S IDEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES AND INTERNAL POLITICS IMMUNE FROM IMPERIALIST INFILTRATION. SADDAM WARNED FRONT MEMBERS FROM BELIEVING "PREJUDICED RUMORS WHICH UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE HEARD SOME OF YOU REPEATING" THAT BAAATH WILL AFTER DEFEAT OF "STOOGES" HAVE LESS ENTHUSIASM ABOUT NATIONAL FRONT. "SOME COMRADES BEGAN TO WORRY ABOUT THIS VICTORY AND TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AND COUNTER-PRECAUTIONS." ANY PARTY COMRADE WHO "PLAYS IN THIS MANNER IS PLAYING WITH FIRE AND WILL BE BURNED." THE PARTIES OF THE FRONT ARE NEEDED BY THE REVOLUTION AND "ALL RANKS OF THE NATIONAL FORCES SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF SOLIDARITY". SADDAM CONCLUDED WITH ASSURANCE THAT IRAQ WILL REMAIN AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCE IN THE AREA.

4. DURING QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD SADDAM PRAISED RAPPROCHMENT WITH IRAN AND SAID IT WAS IN ACCORD WITH EIGHTH PARTY CONFERENCE WHICH APPROVED GOOD RELATIONS WITH REGIMES OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS. HE STRESSED THIS IS NOT A TACTICAL MOVE AND IRAQ WILL FULLY ADHERE TO SUCH AGREEMENTS.

5. FRONT THEN AGREED TO AN ACTION PLAN TO CONTINUE MASS EDUCATION, TO SUPPORT REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT, TO MOBILIZE MASSES FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BUILDING PROCESS, AND FOR "DEMOCRATIC CHECKING" ON CONDUCT OF LOCAL OFFICIALS AND ELIMINATION OF BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES.
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6. COMMENT: SADDAM'S STATEMENTS ON IRAQ'S ROLE AS INDEPENDENT, SOCIALIST, NON-ALIGNED AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST STATE IS REITERATION OF PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED POLICIES, AS IS STRESS ON NEED TO END ISOLATION. HIS CALL FOR SOLIDARITY OF NATIONAL FORCES, WHICH CONTAINED ELEMENT OF THREAT, AND CITING OF RUMORS THAT FRONT NO LONGER IMPORTANT TO BAAATH REGIME WERE CLEARLY AIMED AT ICP, COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, AND OTHER LEFTIST ELEMENTS WHO HAVE MADE

NO SECRET OF THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH RAPPROCHEMENT WITH IRAN AND CONSERVATIVE ARAB STATES, DRAMATIC EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC TIES TO WEST AT EXPENSE OF "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES, AND CONCENTRATION OF POWER IN HANDS OF BAATHISTS. COMMUNISTS AND EASTERN DIPLOMATS PROFESS, ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR, TO BE REASSURED BY SADDAM'S PROMISE TO GIVE NEW LIFE TO NATIONAL FRONT, BUT THEY MUST REMAIN SKEPTICAL IN VIEW OF OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE THAT REGIME'S FOREIGN POLICIES ARE IN FACT HAVING RESULTS THAT THEY FEAR. SADDAM'S REASSURANCES FIT INTO HIS STRATEGY OF DEALING WITH POTENTIAL OPPONENTS GRADUALLY AND WITHOUT COERCION. THAT HE FEELS IT NECESSARY TO OFFER PUBLICLY THESE REASSURANCES INDICATES THAT INTERNAL OPPOSITION TO NEW POLICIES OF "REALISM AND PRAGMATISM" IS STILL A FORCE HE MUST RECKON WITH. THERE IS NO HINT OF REVISING THESE POLICIES BUT RATHER A DETERMINATION TO JUSTIFY THEM AND PROCEED, BUT CAUTIOUSLY.

7. I BELIEVE WE NOW HAVE BEST EVIDENCE TO DATE WHY SADDAM AVOIDED ASSOCIATING HIMSELF WITH VISITS OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND FULBRIGHT. RELATIONS WITH U.S. ARE STILL THE ULTIMATE SYMBOL OF REGIME'S REVOLUTIONARY CREDENTIALS AND SADDAM WILL NOT WISH TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TOWARD RESUMPTION UNTIL HE HAS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL OPPOSITION TO SUCH A MOVE WELL UNDER CONTROL. THIS DAY MAY NOT BE FAR OFF, BUT SADDAM MAY STILL REQUIRE JUSTIFICATION IN FORM OF SOME EXTERNAL EVENT SUCH AS NEW ME WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT OR U.S. RECOGNITION OF PLO.
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